



Life During the Great Depression

Chapter 8 Lessons 2 & 3



Lecture Focus Question

▶ How did the Great Depression affect the lives of urban (cities) vs. rural (farm) Americans?

Explain.

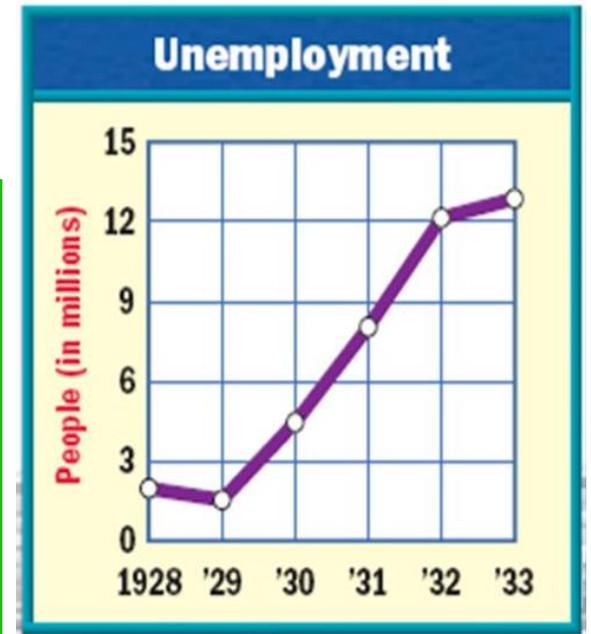
Struggling to Get By



- ▶ G.D. grew worse during Hoover's presidency
- ▶ 1932: 30,000 companies went out of business
- ▶ By 1933: 25% of workforce unemployed

Misery & Despair in Cities

- ▶ Impact of the G.D. affected EVERYONE
- ▶ Unemployment skyrocketed
- ▶ Visible signs of poverty
 - Bread lines/soup lines became commonplace



Rise of the Hooverville

- ▶ **Hoovervilles:** shanty towns built by homeless people in urban areas





SIMON SAYS...



America used its sense of humor to get through the dark times. Newspapers used as blankets were called “Hoover blankets” and outturned pockets (universal symbol of being broke) were called “Hoover flags.”

Connection #1



- ▶ What are some visible signs of poverty you've seen in the Antelope Valley?

Troubles Keep Multiplying

- ▶ Kids forced to quit school
- ▶ Men abandoned their families
- ▶ **Minorities:** lost their jobs to whites
 - “last to be hired, first to be fired”
 - Unemployment rate of 50%



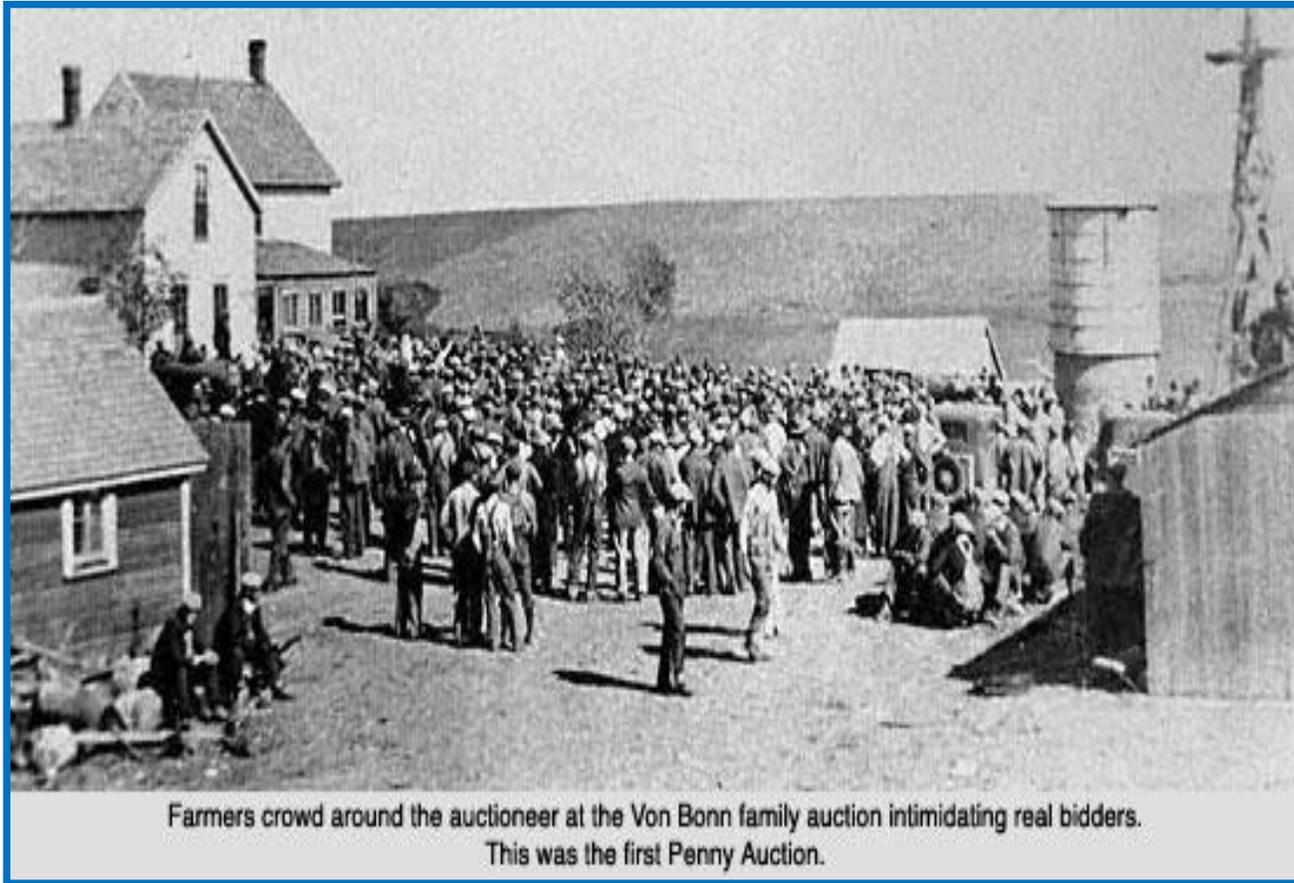


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Today, the unemployment rate amongst African Americans is still 2% higher than the national average.

Poverty in Rural America



- ▶ **Penny auctions:** farmers would bid mere pennies on land/machines auctioned by banks and then would return the possessions to the original owners to give them a second chance

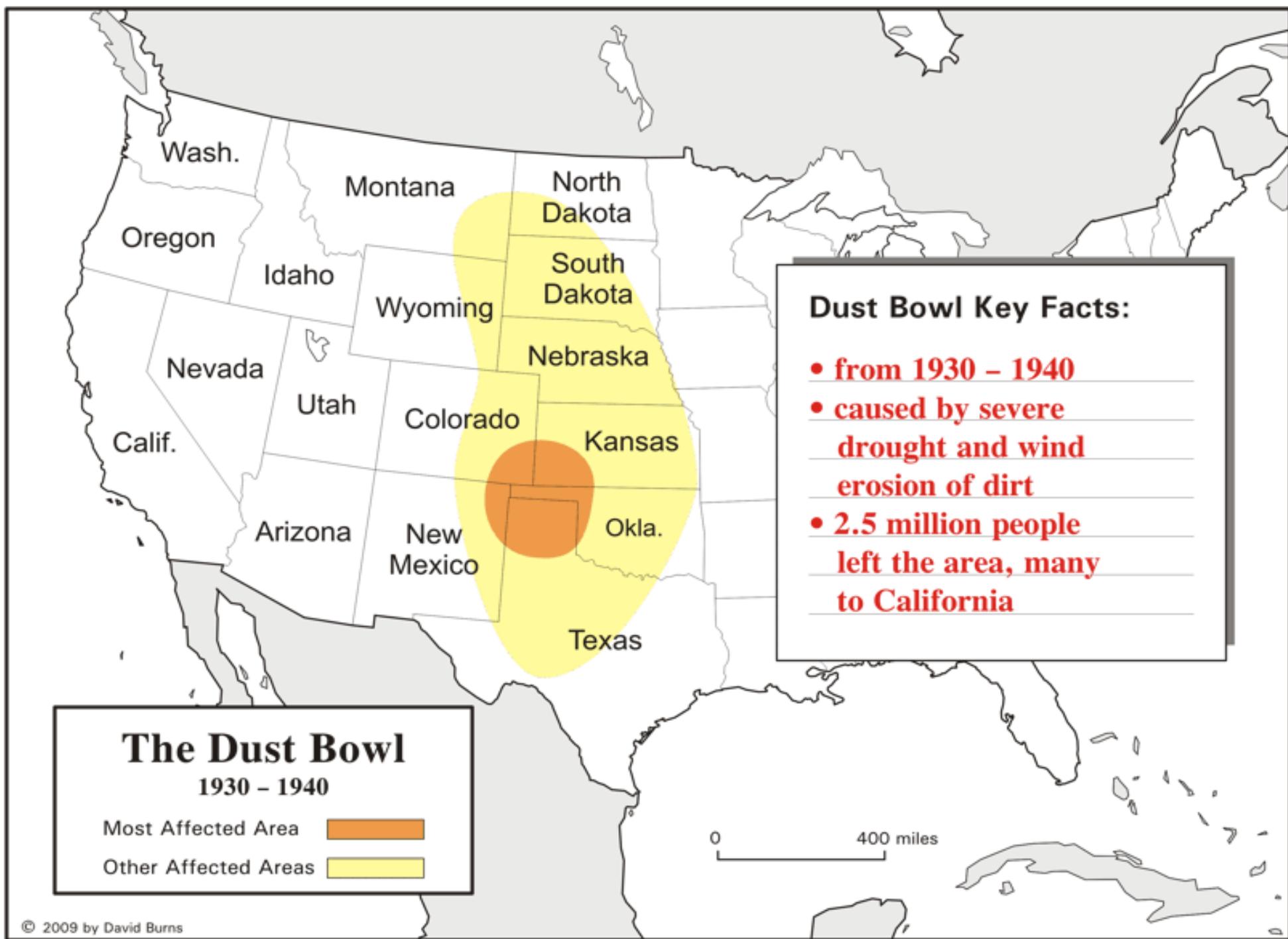


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- ▶ Explain how penny auctions are like beehives. Similarities only! Make a list of 3 things.

Dust Bowl & Migration

- ▶ Harsh drought + heavy wind storms + natural grasses plowed under by farmers = environmental disaster
- ▶ **Black blizzards:** heavy wind/dirt storms
- ▶ **Dust Bowl:** area hit worst by black blizzards (TX, OK, NM, CO)
- ▶ **Okies:** Dust Bowl refugees who left to find jobs in California
 - Result = Increase in # of jobless in CA



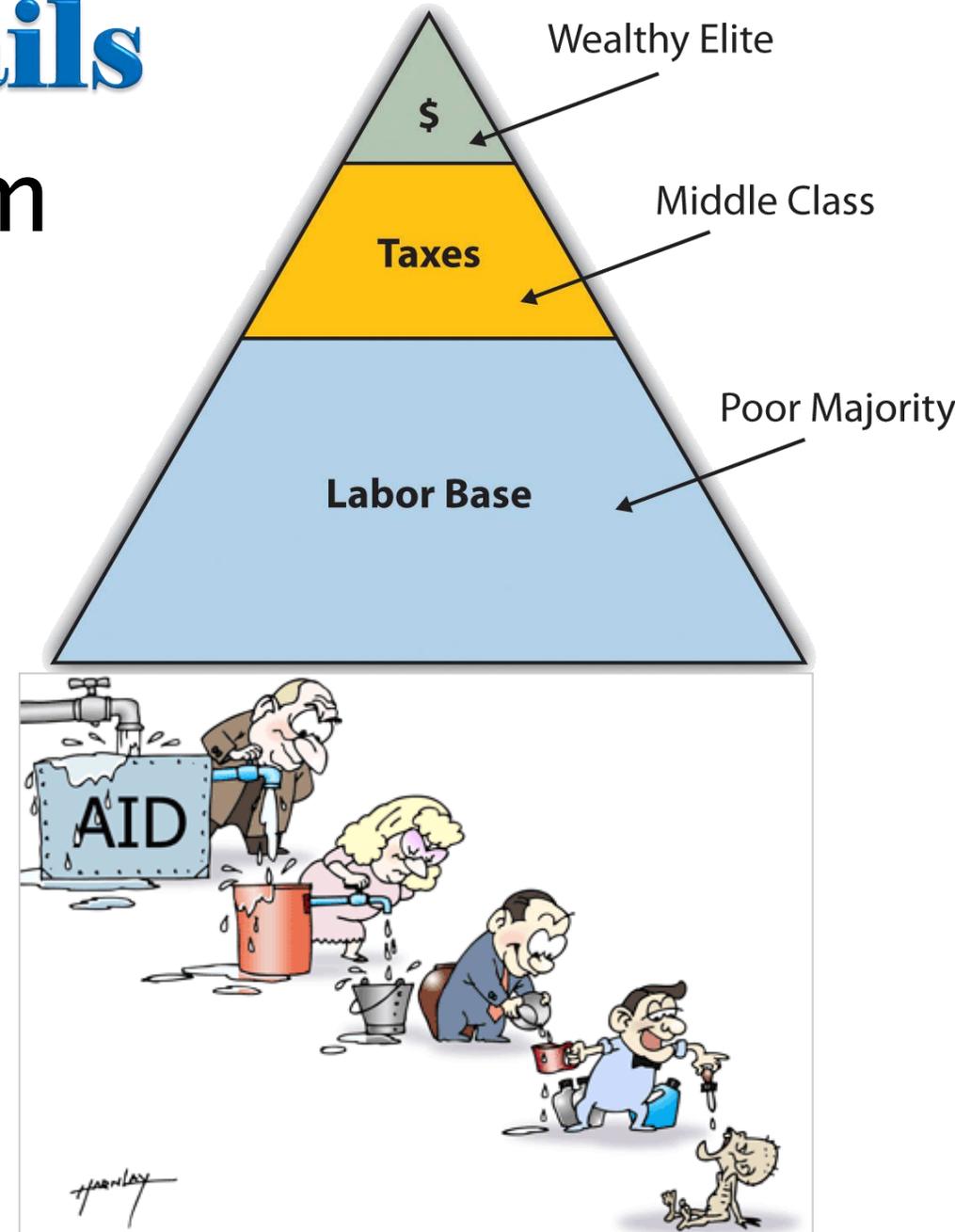




To harvest the crops of California
thousands of families live literally on wheels.
San Joaquin Valley - Feb. 22, 1935

Hoover's Response Fails

- ▶ Hoover called for Localism & Volunteerism
- ▶ **Trickle-down economics:** money poured into the top of the economic pyramid would trickle down to the base



Connection #2



- ▶ Which other presidents have attempted to boost the American economy by implementing “trickle-down economics”? What were the results?

Americans Protest



- ▶ Membership in communist/socialist groups rose
- ▶ **Bonus Army:** WWI vets who demanded payment of bonus govt had promised them
- ▶ Democrat FDR wins 1932 election
- ▶ **New Deal:** FDR's plan to pull U.S. out of G.D.





SUMMARY:

These notes are about...
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(Main Idea → Use the WIN strategy!)

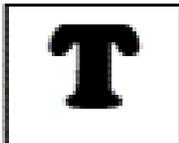
□ W.I.N. strategy:

- **WHO/WHAT** - Figure out the most important *who* or *what (topic)*
- **INFORMATION** - Figure out the most important *information* about the who or what
- **NUMBER OF WORDS** - Write the main idea using the fewest possible *number* of words

Lecture Focus Question

- ▶ How did the Great Depression affect the lives of urban vs. rural Americans? Explain.
- ▶ Response = 3-4 well thought out sentences minimum! (topic sentence + supporting details)

Notes Grading Rubric

Notes Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	Brain Snack(s)	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Answer (3-4 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
Summary (1-2 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓